

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the thorough examination of the application.

Claims 1, 2 and 4-18 are pending in the application. The claims have been amended to remove the term "synthetic". Also at page 4 the Office Action notes that cancellation of the term "synthetic" would place the application in condition for allowance.

No new matter is believed to be added to the application by this amendment.

Rejection Under 35 USC §112, First Paragraph

Claims 1-18 have been rejected under 35 USC §112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action asserts that the term "synthetic" was not disclosed in the original specification. However, this term has been removed from the claims, thereby rendering this issue moot.

This rejection is believed to be overcome, and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

The Examiner is respectfully requested to place the application in condition for allowance and to issue a Notice of Allowability.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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